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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LYSAGHT ET AL.

Examiner

Duc Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 28-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Avitsur et al (6,201,854).

Consider claims 28-34. Avitsur teaches an automated telephone set apparatus comprising test circuit means (test equipment 16) for applying test signals to a telephone line to be tested, the test circuit means including a means for applying dialing signals to the telephone line (column(s) 3, line(s) 57-65); a memory (database 30; column(s) 4, line(s) 60-65); and programmable means (MMI and processing unit 24) connected to the test circuit means (16) and the memory (30) for controlling the apparatus; the apparatus being programmed to firstly store in the memory assignment data indicative of a telephone number corresponding to the telephone line to be tested (database 30; column(s) 4, line(s) 60-65; column(s) 5, line(s) 23-31); the apparatus being programmed to secondly apply dialing signals (column(s) 3, line(s) 42-65; column(s) 4, line(s) 45-59; column(s) 6, line(s) 2-14) to the telephone line to actuate a line identification facility at a central office (12); receive line number data signals indicative of a telephone number corresponding to the telephone line from the line identification facility at the central office to which the dialing signal were applied (column(s) 4, line(s) 45-59); decode the received line

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number data signals (column(s) 4, line(s) 45-59); retrieve the stored assignment data from the memory (column(s) 4, line(s) 45-59; column(s) 6, line(s) 14-44); compare the telephone number indicated by the retrieved assignment data with the telephone number indicated by the received and decoded line number data signal (column(s) 6, line(s) 14-44); and indicate whether the telephone line tested was the intended subject of the test assignment (column(s) 6, line(s) 14-44).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7503. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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